Protection of endangered species

2668. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAG review report accused the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) of having failed to ensure effective protection of endangered species;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that 79 per cent of conservation fund was not utilized by the authorities but CZA cites inadequate funds and non-availability of expertise as reasons behind the lack of conservation efforts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) The Comptroller of Auditor General of India, in its Report No. CA 16 of 2008-09 (Scientific Department) had, *inter-alia* pointed out the under utilization of funds by the Central Zoo Authority. During the year 2007-08, out of a total allocation of Rs. 20.00 crores, an amount of Rs. 17.00 crores was utilized, which includes 100% utilization of Rs. 1.50 crores earmarked for the Conservation Breeding Programme.

Carbon emission

†2669. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the pattern of global trend carbon emission is rising due to industrial growth in the country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether environment is polluted more by the industrial sector than agriculture; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the contribution of agriculture and industrial sector in the environmental pollution in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in its 4th Assessment Report published in 2007, has found that global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions have grown since pre-industrial times, with an increase of 70% between 1970 and 2004. The largest growth in global GHG emission during this period has come from the energy supply sector.

(b) The Government is aware of implications of the climate change in India and Government has released National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC) on 30th June 2008 which outlines a strategy to meet the challenge of Climate Change through a combination of sectoral measures taken

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